

# Mid-Month Update

## CMS Final Rule on Medicaid HCBS

Update Items – April 23, 2014		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	CMS Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS posted some additional Q &amp; A on the final rule on their website</li> <li>• Handout attached to email</li> <li>• Link to find them: <a href="http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html">http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html</a></li> </ul>
2.	Waiver Renewal Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This group is meeting on 3/23/14</li> <li>• They have several action items to aid in development of the Transition plan, including doing research on other states' efforts, seeking clarification from CMS on how Final Rule impacts individual services, preparing for Public notice and input, and work on the person-centered service plan</li> </ul>
3.	Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group being led by Russell Morrison</li> <li>• Attended a webinar hosted by NASDDDS (National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services) on Final Rule – was very informative</li> <li>• This group will meet on 5/13/14 to start work on issues for Transition plan</li> </ul>
4.	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monique and Kelly met to discuss some initial communication strategies and timelines</li> <li>• Kelly working with DHHS staff to utilize pre-planned meetings/forums to communicate Final Rule changes/implications with providers</li> <li>• Kelly will work with Project Manager and Monique to establish timelines for Public Notice requirements; coordinate that with Waiver Renewal Team and set up for Master Transition Plan also</li> <li>• Need to plan opportunity to communicate Final Rule changes/implications with beneficiaries</li> </ul>
5	New Small Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new workgroup will be established – it will focus specifically on Person-Centered Planning and conflict-free case management requirements</li> <li>• Please let Kelly know if you are interested in serving on this group</li> </ul>

**Next Meeting:** May 7, 2014 @ SCDHHS, Conference Room J11